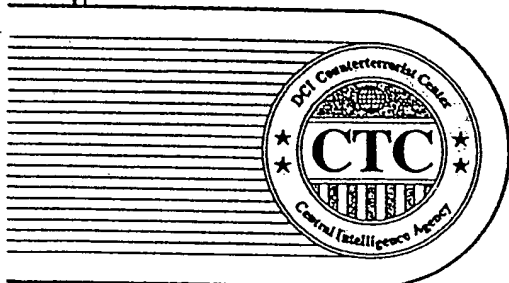


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Libya: Returning to Terrorism (

Libya may be resuming terrorism for the first time since the indictments of two Libyan intelligence officers in 1991 for bombing Pan Am Flight 103. Our judgment is made on the basis of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Tripoli's probable abduction on 11 December of a prominent Libyan oppositionist in Egypt. Qadhafi's terrorist-related activism appears to have been spurred by two recent events [REDACTED] and the expansion of UN economic sanctions—which have raised new questions about his hold on power. The risk that he will strike at the United States in response to his difficulties is accentuated by his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] danger over recent US involvement with Libyan oppositionists. [REDACTED]

Qadhafi Considering Terrorism

Past reporting has indicated that Qadhafi would resume terrorism if he believed external actors were taking actions that would threaten his regime's survival. [REDACTED]

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In our view, the recent pressures on Qadhafi—which he believes emanate from Washington—have moved him closer to resuming terrorism.

Indeed, Qadhafi may have "shown his claws" in early December by abducting in Cairo prominent Libyan oppositionist Mansur Kikhia, who had been invited to the Washington conference but did not attend.

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***Qadhafi's First Attack: The Disappearance of
Mansur Kikhia***

The available evidence suggests that Qadhafi's operatives abducted prominent Libyan dissident Mansur Kikhia in early December. Kikhia's disappearance comes on the heels of [REDACTED] that indicate Libyan leader Qadhafi is intent on reactivating Tripoli's longstanding program to eliminate leading Libyan exiles. (

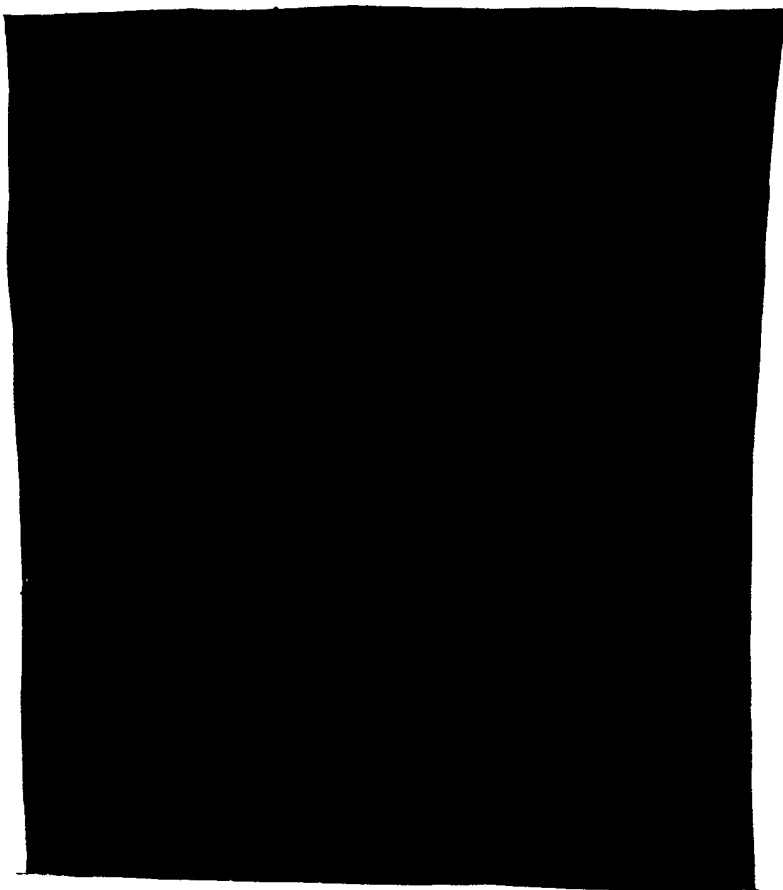
Tripoli's short list for assassination.

[REDACTED] Kikhia arrived in Cairo on 29 November to attend a meeting of the Arab Organization for Human Rights (1-2 December) and afterward visited family members in Alexandria. He returned to Cairo to meet his brother—a Libyan resident—on 11 December and planned to depart for Paris the next day. Kikhia failed to meet his brother, who persuaded the hotel management to allow him into Kikhia's room on 12 December. Kikhia was gone, but his possessions remained, including his insulin for diabetes. [REDACTED]

There is strong circumstantial evidence that the Libyan Government abducted Kikhia, who was once Libya's Foreign Minister and has long been on

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